

Patient Name: _____

Date: _____

ALS Functional Communication Scale

Communication Ability	Short Term Goals	Baseline	Projected	Achieved Today
		G9174	G9175	G9176
1. Alerting/Emergency	1. Patient (and caregiver) can demonstrate/describe the method by which patient can alert others, not in his/her immediate environment, to a need or emergency.	- / +	- / +	- / +
2. Communication Strategies	2. Patient (and caregiver) demonstrate patient and partner strategies (via speech or SGD) that improve communication success, efficiency, speed and reduce fatigue.	- / +	- / +	- / +
3. Non-Voiced (Low Tech) Communication	3. Patient demonstrates the ability to communicate novel messages via spelling or combining words using low tech AAC method.	- / +	- / +	- / +
4. Speech Generation	4. Patient demonstrates the ability to communicate a novel message with a voice (speech or SGD).	- / +	- / +	- / +
5. Communicate with those at a Distance	5. Patient demonstrates abilities to use all the methods s/he requires to communicate with partners at a distance .	- / +	- / +	- / +
6. Independently Set-Up and Customize AAC Systems	6. Patient (and caregiver) demonstrate the ability to independently use, set up and customize low and/or high tech augmentative communication equipment.	- / +	- / +	- / +
7. Prepared for Future Changes	7. Patient (and caregiver) can describe one or more pro-active strategies designed to prepare for typical changes associated with ALS in speech and/or access.	- / +	- / +	- / +
Total Functional Communication Score	Severity Modifiers			
	7/7 CH 6/7 CI 5/7 CJ 4/7 CK 3/7 CL 2/7 CM 0-1/7 CN	___ / 7 C ___	___ / 7 C ___	___ / 7 C ___